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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Like most Americans, I am an Internet consumer. I rely on the connection in my home for work, and also for my personal needs. I was an AT&T customer for a long time, before during and after DSL. In recent years, my service from AT&T was terrible. It was so SLOW I could not even upload a single basic security camera. And I could not pay to upgrade. AT&T did not even have the infrastructure in my neighborhood to support the most basic speed increase. And I live just north of Silicon Valley!!!

Then along came Sonic, a comparatively small service provider. Sonic installed fiber optic infrastructure in my local area, and made greatly improved Internet service available for less money than I had been paying AT&T. Both my broadband and phone service were substantially enhanced. This example of the benefits that competition in the broadband market provide the consumer, and I strongly urge you to support all measures which will protect and encourage competition.

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